

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 SEOUL 03866 101338Z
ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 EA-07 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00
AGR-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00 FRB-03 H-01
INR-07 INT-05 L-03 LAB-04 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01
EPG-02 AID-05 SS-15 STR-04 ITC-01 TRSE-00 PRS-01
SP-02 FEAE-00 OMB-01 XMB-02 OPIC-03 STRE-00 /086 W
-----101359Z 114708 /43

O R 101157Z MAY 77
FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3797
INFO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 3866

PASS STR ELECTRONICALLY

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, KS, TW, US
SUBJECT: FOOTWEAR NEGOTIATIONS

1. COMMERCE PAPER PROVIDES TWO OPTIONS ON WOOL FELT FOOTWEAR USED FOR BOOTLINERS.
2. OPTION 1 - DO NOT COVER UNDER ARRANGEMENT BUT DEDUCT 1976 QUANTITY OF IMPORTS FROM RESTRAINT LEVEL.
3. OPTION 2 - CONTINUE TO COUNT AGAINST FOOTWEAR LEVELS BUT VISA ONLY UNDER TEXTILE PROGRAM.
4. KOREANS HAVE REJECTED SECOND OPTION SINCE THEY ONLY WANT VISAED EXPORTS COUNTED AGAINST THEIR RESTRAINT LEVELS.
5. KOREANS ARE CONSIDERING OPTION ONE NOW. THEY HVE INDICATED AGREEMENT WITH U.S. POSITION THAT PRODUCT SHOULD NOT BE COVERED BY TWO RESTRAINT VISA SYSTEMS (E.G. TEXTILES AND FOOTWEAR). HOWEVER, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THEY WILL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 SEOUL 03866 101338Z

AGREE TO HAVE THEIR RESTRAINT LEVEL REDUCED BY AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO FELT FOOTWEAR IMPORTS IN VIEW OF LOW VALUE OF SUCH IMPORTS.

6. U.S. DELEGATION BELIEVES LITTLE VALUE TO U.S. OF CONTROLLING LINERS UNDER FOOTWEAR AGREEMENT SINCE KOREANS WILL SIMPLY NOT SHIP CHEAP LINERS WHEN THEY CAN SHIP

FOOTWEAR UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT. THUS, ACTUAL FOOTWEAR IMPORTS WILL REPLACE BOOTLINER IMPORTS. INDUSTRY ADVISORS ARE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT COVERAGE, SINCE FELT FOOTWEAR IS NOT MADE BY U.S. SHOW PRODUCERS. U.S. MANUFACTURERS OF FELT FOOTWEAR PROTECTED SINCE FELT FOOTWEAR COVERED BY MFA.

7. U.S. DELEGATION REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE EXCLUSION OF FELT FOOTWEAR FROM O.M.A. UNDER CONDITIONS DIFFERENT FROM OPTION 1 (E.G. PRORATED REDUCTION OF 1976 VOLUME OF 2.2 MILLION PAIRS, EXCLUSION OF 1 MILLION PAIRS OR EXCLUSION OF TOTAL AMOUNT). FLEXIBLE AUTHORIZATION WOULD ALLOW U.S. DELEGATION TO TRY TO GET MAXIMUM REDUCTION IN RESTRAINT LEVELS IN EXCHANGE FOR EXCLUSION. AS PART OF OVERALL SETTLEMENT, U.S. SIDE COULD GRANT COMPLETE EXCLUSION WITHOUT ANY SPECIFIC REDUCTION IN OVERALL LEVEL OF RESTRAINT PROGRAM.
SNEIDER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FOOTWEAR, NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 10-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977SEOUL03866
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770164-0813
Format: TEL
From: SEOUL
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770574/aaaacplb.tel
Line Count: 80
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 53074597-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2581132
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FOOTWEAR NEGOTIATIONS
TAGS: ETRD, KS, TW, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/53074597-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009